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URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ended 31st December 1956

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my forty-fourth Annual Report on the Health and Mortality of your District during the year 1956.

POPULATION

The estimated population (as supplied by the County Council) of the District is 10,600 as compared with 10,710 for last year. The preliminary population taken at the Census in 1951 was 10,982.

AREA

The district extends over an area of 7,855 acres, and is situated on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire at a height ranging from about 440 to 1,550 feet above sea level.

The climate is somewhat damp, but bracing.

The chief industries include the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods, leather tanning, iron turning and founding, oil and fat refining and dyeing and finishing.

Density per acre 1.35.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of deaths in the District in 1956 was 153, 81 males and 72 females, which is equivalent to a death rate of 14.4 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The number of births was 139, 60 males and 79 females, which is equivalent to a birth rate of 13.1.

There were 6 still births, 3 males and 3 females, giving a rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births of 41.

The deaths for the year exceeded the births by 14, and the death rate exceeded the birth rate by 1.3. The mean death rate for the past five years was 0.3 above the mean birth rate.

For 1955 the death rate was 13.6 and the birth rate 12.8 and the averages for the past five years were - death rate 14.6 and birth rate 14.3.

From these figures it will be seen that the death rate is 0.8 above the previous year and 0.2 below the average for the past five years, and the birth rate 0.3 above the previous year and 1.2 below the average.

For further particulars see tables in the Report.

The health visiting is under the supervision of the County Council.

INFANT DEATHS

There has been one death under one year of age, which is equivalent to a death rate of 7 per 1,000 live births, against 2 deaths and a rate of 15 for 1955.

From these figures it will be seen that the rate is 8 below the previous year and 29 below the average.

It is again most pleasing to report that the above rate of 7 per 1,000live births for 1956 constitutes a further new low record for Infant Deaths.

There has been one death under 4 weeks of age, which is equivalent to a death rate of 7 per 1,000 live births, against "no deaths" for 1955.

PHTHISIS DEATHS

Nil.

CANCER DEATHS

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MATERNAL MORTALITY

Nil.

INFECTIOUS DESEASES

29 Cases of Infectious Diseases occurred during the year, against 118 for 1955. Details are as follows:-

	1956.	1955.
Tuberculosis.	7	3
Scarlet Fever.	2	4
Diphtheria.	-	-
Erysipelas.	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-
Acute Pneumonia (primary and influenzal)	1	-
Acute Encephalitis.	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.	-	-
Small-pox.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	15	13
Measles.	2	97

One point again worthy of comment is the fact that 1956 was the tenth year in succession in which no cases of Diphtheria were notified. The last case occurred in April 1946 and the last death from this disease occurred in December 1945. Such a long spell without the occurrence of a case is sufficient evidence of the value of Diphtheria immunisation. In order to maintain this record, it is essential that parents should continue to have their children immunised.

SCARLET FEVER

Two cases occurred, both of which were removed to hospital. There were no deaths.

WHOOPING COUGH

15 cases occurred, all of which were treated at home. There were no deaths.

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MEASLES

Two cases occurred, both of which were treated at home. There were no deaths.

ERYSIPELAS

One case occurred and was treated at home. There were no deaths.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS

One case occurred which was removed to hospital. There were no deaths.

ACUTE PRIMARY PNEUMONIA

One case occurred which was removed to hospital. There were no deaths.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year, and no deaths in 1955.

There were 12 notifications, 7 of which were new additions to the register and 5 duplicate notifications which were chiefly notifications of admission and discharge of patients at Sanatoria. Of the 7 new additions to the register 5 were "transfers-in" from other Districts. The occupations of the new cases were as follows:- Railway Operative 1, Housewife 1, Scholars 2, Metal Turner 1, Cotton Operative 1 and Machinist 1.

The Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1952 no longer require a Medical Officer of Health to keep a register of tuberculosis notifications, but the Minister of Health urges that registers should continue to be kept. A register is therefore maintained of all cases notified and a quarterly statement forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health showing all admissions to and removals from the register and the cause of such removals.

The number of Tuberculous persons in the District at the beginning of the year was 57 - 43 Pulmonary and 14 non-Pulmonary. 7 Cases have been added to the register, all Pulmonary. 3 Cases - 2 Pulmonary and 1 non-Pulmonary have been removed from the register, leaving a total of 61 at the end of the year - 48 Pulmonary and 13 non-Pulmonary. Of the 3 cases removed from the register, 1 has removed out of the district, and 2 have died from other causes.

The body of the Report contains details of the work of the department during the year and the report of the Public Health Inspector sets out details of the sanitary circumstances of the district.

In concluding this Report I should like to acknowledge the valuable assistance I have received from Mr. Clough, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Crabtree and Mr. Howarth.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

J. T. R. MACGILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

16th May 1957.

VITAL STATISTICS

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births.	Legitimate.	136	58	78	Birth-Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1956-13.1
	Illegitimate.	3	2	1	
		139	60	79	
Stillbirths.	Legitimate.	5	3	2	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 41.
	Illegitimate.	1	-	1	
		6	3	3	
Deaths.		153	81	72	Death rate per 1,000 estimated population - 14.4.

Crude 14.4
Adjusted 15.8

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion ... ... Nil.

Mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still births ... Nil.

INFANT MORTALITY

	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate	1	1	-
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-
Total.	1	1	-

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

Death-rate of infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births ... ... 7.

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under four weeks of age . ... 1.

Rate per 1,000 live births ... ... 7.

POPULATION: 10,620

	Per 1,000 of estimated population				Maternal Mortality Rate.	Rate of deaths under one year per 1,000 live births.
	Live Birth-rate.	Crude death-rate.	Death-rate from Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	Death-rate from Cancer.	Per 1,000 total (Live and still) births.	
Mean of 5 years (1951-55).	14.3	14.6	0.03	1.81	1.24	36
Year 1956.	✱ 13.1	∅ 14.4	Nil.	1.79	Nil.	7
Year 1955.	12.8	13.6	Nil.	1.59	Nil.	15
Increase or decrease in 1956 on 5 year's average.	- 1.2	- 0.2	- 0.03	- 0.02	- 1.24	29
Previous Year.	- 2.1	- 1.2	- 0.03	- 0.10	- 1.24	- 27

✱ Adjusted live birth-rate (comparability factor 1.00) = 13.1 per 1,000.
∅ Adjusted death-rate (comparability factor 1.10) = 15.8 per 1,000.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1956

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females
All causes.	81	72
1. Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	-	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis.	-	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases.	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection.	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-
9. Other infective and Parasitic Diseases.	-	-
10. - 15. All forms of Cancer.	12	7
16. Diabetes.	-	1
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system.	13	19
18. - 20. Heart Disease.	28	23
21. Other Diseases of Circulatory system.	4	2
22. Influenza.	-	1
23. Pneumonia.	2	1
24. Bronchitis.	9	7
25. Other respiratory diseases.	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis.	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations.	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	9	4
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents.	1	-
34. All other accidents.	2	5
35. Suicide.	1	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War.	-	-

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

To the Medical Officer of Health of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Sir,

In the absence of Mr. Kearns through illness, I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the District for the year 1956, in accordance with Article 27 of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations 1935. Comment is made on several aspects of the work, and fuller details have been included in your report to the County Medical Officer of Health, a copy of which is attached to this report.

HOUSING ACT 1936, PARTS II AND III.
HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT 1954.

As a result of a survey made in 1955, 168 houses were found to be unfit for human habitation within the meaning of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954, and suitable for action under Section 11 or 25 of the Housing Act, 1936.

During the year 59 of the 168 houses were repaired and made reasonably fit for occupation, leaving 109 houses still to be dealt with.

The 109 houses still remaining on the list are made up as follows - Occupied Houses 67; Empty, demolished or partly demolished 35; Used for other purposes 7.

INHABITED HOUSES

The number of houses used or intended to be used for human habitation is 4007.

WATER SUPPLY

The district is supplied by the Rochdale Corporation and the number of houses directly connected with the mains is 3,447.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The payment of grants of half the cost of Closet Conversions up to a maximum of £10 has been continued, and grants have been made in respect of the conversion of 3 Pail Closets and 15 Waste Water Closets to the Fresh Water System.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are two licensed Slaughterhouses in the District and these have functioned satisfactorily. The inspection of meat is being undertaken by Mr. T. T. Boardman, Public Health Inspector to Whitworth U.D.C. The details as to animals slaughtered and condemned food will be found in the body of the report.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

The Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 made under the above Act came into force on 1st January 1956. During the year most of the Food Shops and premises were inspected and improvements carried out. The number of Food premises in the district is as follows - Food Shops 122; Bakehouses, Cafes and Public Houses 64.

SALVAGE

This work has been continued during the year and 43 tons. 19 cwts. of Paper and 22 tons. 19¾ cwts., of Tins were disposed of.

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 to 1936

27 renewals of licences were granted.

In concluding my report may I be permitted Sir, to offer to you my appreciation and thanks for your assistance and co-operation during my temporary period of office. Also I should like to acknowledge the valuable assistance received from Mr. Howarth.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

H. BOARDMAN.

Public Health Inspector.

3rd April, 1957.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS ETC. BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

	No. of inspections.
Houses under Public Health Acts.	510
Vermin.	6
Water supply.	25
Old Metal Dealers.	5
Schools.	4
Entertainment Houses.	3
Ashes Accommodation.	24
Refuse Disposal.	9
Salvage.	-
Septic Tanks.	8
Animals, Birds etc.	-
Piggeries.	8
Rats and Mice.	356
Drainage - Inspected.	36
Tested.	10
Conveniences.	16
Closets - Water.	45
Pails.	15
Licensed Premises.	-
Meat Shops.	48
Meat Inspection.	430
Food Preparing Premises.	47
General Food Premises.	122
Food Inspections.	17
Shops Act.	184
Factories (with mechanical power).	6
do. (without mechanical power).	2
Slaughterhouses.	24
Offensive Trades.	7
Rag Flock Premises.	4
Disinfestation.	9
Infectious Diseases.	4
Disinfection.	3
Housing - Section 9.	-
Section 11.	-
Clearance Areas.	-
Other visits.	209
Demolition.	-
Overcrowding.	7
Petroleum Acts.	-
Smoke Abatement Observations.	18
Premises visited.	9
Atmospheric Pollution.	4
Miscellaneous Visits.	56
Interviews - Owners, Tradesmen etc.	27
Samples - Food and Drugs - Formal.	-
Informal.	-
Water - Bacteriological.	1
Chemical.	-
Clean Milk - T.B. Examination.	-
Bacteriological.	-

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

SUMMARY embodying particulars required to be included in the ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Year 1956.

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1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres (at 31.12.56): 7,855. Population - Census, 1951: 10,982.

Registrar-General's estimate of home population, mid-1956: 10,620.

Number of inhabited houses at end of 1956 according to rate books: 4,007.

Rateable value: £103,772. Sum represented by a penny rate: £371.13s.9d.

Social conditions, including the chief industries carried on in the area: Satisfactory. The chief industries include the manufacture of cotton and woollen, leather tanning, iron turning and founding, oil and fat refining, dyeing and finishing.

VITAL STATISTICS

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment: None.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year: None.

Any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health: None.

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2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

Medical Officer of Health:	Dr. J. T. R. MacGill.
Qualifications and special diplomas:	M.B., Ch.B.
Is he a whole or part-time officer of the local authority?	Part.
Any other public appointments held by him?	None.
Is he in private practice?	Yes.

Public Health Inspector(s):-

Name.	Qualifications and Special Diplomas.	Whole or part-time as P.H.I.	Other appointments with Local Authority (if any).
T. Kearns.	C.R.S.I. and S.I.E.J.B. Inspector of Meat and other Foods. C.R.S.I. Smoke Inspector's Cert. of R.S.I.	Whole. (On sick leave.)	None.
H. Boardman.	C.R.S.I.	Whole. (Temporary)	

Other Public Health Officers:- None.

Alterations during year to local legislation (including bye-laws) in force in the district (please give dates).

Addition: Byelaws relating to the Sanitary Conditions and Management of Private Slaughterhouses. Came into operation 22nd October 1956.

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951.

No. of applications for removal made during the year under section 47: Nil.
Number of orders made: Nil.
Comments on operation of the Section: None.

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3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply -	
Source of supply (including type, e.g., upland surface, deep wells, etc.)	Moorland Reservoirs.
Authority owning supply.	Rochdale Corporation.
Where supply is not obtained directly from owning authority's mains, state authority via whose mains the supply is obtained.	-
Give particulars of any new sources of public supply acquired during the year.	None.
Extensions of water mains (if any) during the year.	Extension of mains to Stansfield Housing Estate. 139 Houses now connected.

Supplies to houses -

(a) No. of houses newly connected to public mains supply during 1956. -
Existing houses. -
New houses. 22.

(b) Supply to all houses at end of year -
From public mains:-
Direct to houses - No. of dwellinghouses - 3,447
Est. No. of population - 9,072
By means of standpipe -
No. of dwellinghouses - Nil.
Est. No. of population - Nil.

From private supplies, e.g., wells, springs, etc. :-
No. of dwellinghouses - 618
Est. No. of population - 1,638

Has the water supply of the area and of its several parts been satisfactory during the year?

(a) in quality: Yes.

(b) in quantity: Yes.

If public supply, samples obtained by the local authority during the year of -

(a) the raw water.	Bacteriological examinations.	Nil.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.
(b) water going into supply, where treatment is installed.	Bacteriological examinations.	Nil.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.

If private supplies, samples obtained by the local authority during the year of -

(a) the raw water	Bacteriological examinations.	No. 1.
	Results.	Unsatisfactory.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.
(b) water going into supply, where treatment is installed.	Bacteriological examinations.	Nil.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.

Action taken by the local authority in respect of any form of contamination of -

(a) public supplies. None necessary.
(b) private supplies. House from where above unsatisfactory sample was taken is unoccupied.

Any liability to plumbo-solvent action? None.
If so, give facts as to contamination by lead and the precautions taken by the local authority including number and results of analyses.
Analyses. Nil.

Drainage and Sewerage

Give particulars of sewage disposal works and methods of treatment.	Sewage Disposal Works, Lower Mill, Littleborough. Precipitation and Filtration. Sludge pressed and disposed of to farmers.
Give details of any new works of sewerage and sewage disposal and of any additions undertaken during the year.	Extension of sewers to Stansfield Housing Estate, 139 Houses now connected.
No. of houses connected to sewerage system during the year.	(a) New houses. 22. (b) Existing houses. 3.
Areas of townships without proper sewerage system and reasons therefor.	Calderbrook, Higher Calderbrook, Parts of Shore, Hollingworth Fold and Rakewood. Sewers do not extend to these parts of the district.

Sanitary accommodation at end of 1956

Privy middens -	
(i) No. of middens.	Nil.
(ii) No. of closets attached to these middens.	-
(iii) No. of pail closets.	288.
(iv) No. of dry ashpits (excluding middens)	None.
(v) No. of movable dustbins.	3,174.
(vi) No. of trough closets.	Nil.
(vii) No. of waste water closets.	184.
(viii) No. of fresh water closets.	3,455.
(ix) Conversions during 1956:-	
No. of privy closets - To fresh w.c's.	Nil.
To pails, etc.	Nil.
No. of pail closets to fresh w.c's.	3
No. of trough closets to fresh w.c's.	Nil.
No. of waste w.c's to fresh w.c's.	15.
No. of premises at which movable dustbins were substituted for fixed receptacles.	Nil.
(x) No. of houses on water carriage system.	3,639.

Public Cleansing

Give brief particulars of the arrangements for -

(i) Provision of movable dustbins.	Provided by the Council at the expense of the General Rate Fund.
(ii) Refuse Collection.	House refuse collected weekly by two covered motor vehicles engaged on this work full time and one motor vehicle for 2 or 3 days per week. Nightsoil collected by a combined mechanical Nightsoil and Gully Emptier.
(iii) Refuse Disposal.	House refuse - Tip situate at Hollingworth. Nightsoil - Emptied direct into the sewer at a convenient part of the district.
(iv) Cesspool emptying.	As requested by owners.

Sanitary Inspections during 1956 - (including Housing)

Premises visited	No. of premises visited 236. No. of visits 349.
Defects or nuisances	No. discovered 169. No. abated 123.
No. of notices served	Informal 46. Statutory 3.
Legal proceedings	No. Nil. Result -.

Shops and Offices

Particulars of any action taken under provisions of:-

(a) Shops Act, 1950, relating to ventilation and temperature of shops and to sanitary conveniences.	184 Routine Inspections.
(b) Public Health Act, 1936, relating to conditions in offices, i.e., ventilation, sanitary conveniences, etc.	Nil.

Atmospheric Pollution

Any special action taken with regard to smoke abatement.	Two lead peroxide instruments erected at sites on each side of the district.
Number of factory chimneys in the district.	32.
Date of bye-laws (if adopted).	None.
What is the time limit allowed, and for what period, for emission of black smoke?	Two minutes in the half-hour normally accepted.
Number of observations taken during year	18.
Number of legal proceedings and results.	Nil.
Any special action taken with regard to burning spoil banks, refuse tips, etc.	None necessary.

Particulars of any co-operative action with industry:-

(i) Regional. None.
(ii) District. None.

Swimming Baths and Pools

Brief particulars of any:

(a) Public swimming baths or pools.	None in the district.
(b) Privately-owned swimming baths or pools open to public.	None.
(c) Action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water.	-
(d) No. of samples of water taken for examination.	Bacteriological. -. Chemical. -.

Disinfestation

Particulars of action taken during 1956:

No. of houses found to be infested.	(a) Council houses. Nil. (b) Other houses. 9.
No. of houses disinfested.	(a) Council houses. Nil. (b) Other houses. 9.
Methods employed for disinfestation of houses.	Spraying and dusting.
State name of fumigant and/or insecticide used, and efficiency thereof.	"Killgercide" Liquid Bed Bug Spray. Satisfactory. "Geigy" Lindane/DDT Powder. Satisfactory.
Methods employed for ensuring disinfestation of belongings of tenants before removal to council houses.	-
Is work of disinfestation carried out by local authority or by a contractor.	By Local Authority where required.
Measures taken by way of supervision or education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation after cleansing.	None.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

1. No. of rodent operatives employed (a) Full time. Nil.
(b) Part time. 1.

2. Action relating to rodent control during year ended 31st December, 1956 -

	TYPE OF PROPERTY		
	Non-agricultural.		Agricultural.
	Dwelling houses.	All other.	
(a) No. of properties in district.	4,065	411	79
(b) No. of properties inspected.	30	184	21
(c) Total inspections carried out (incl. re-inspections)	134	197	25
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:			
Rats - major.	-	1	-
minor.	14	2	-
Mice - major.	-	-	-
minor.	16	3	-
(e) No. of infested properties treated.	30	6	-
(f) Total treatments carried out (incl. retreatments)	30	12	-
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.	-	-	-

(h) Any other action. None.

3. Particulars of other infestations under the Act (Sect.28). None.

Schools.

Total No. of schools in district at end of year.	9.
Sanitary condition of schools at end of year -	
(a) No. of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces.	Nil.
(b) Sanitary accommodation - No. of schools with:-	
(i) Fresh water closets only.	9.
(ii) Waste water closets only.	Nil.
(iii) Trough closets only.	Nil.
(iv) Pail closets only.	Nil.
(v) Privy closets only.	Nil.
(vi) Other (state type).	Nil.
(c) Drainage - No. of schools with drainage to -	
(i) Public sewers.	8.
(ii) Private treatment works.	1.
(d) Refuse disposal - No. of schools with:-	
(i) Dustbins.	9.
(ii) Dry ashpits.	Nil.
(e) Water supply - No. of schools supplied from:-	
(i) Public mains.	9.
(ii) Private supplies.	Nil.
No. of private supplies (e(ii)) considered unsatisfactory.	-.
(f) No. of schools where facilities are considered unsatisfactory for	
(i) Washing.	Nil.
(ii) Drinking.	Nil.

Offensive Trades

No. of premises 2. Type of offensive trades. 1 Fat Extractor.
1 Glue Maker.

Any special action taken. None.

Factories Act, 1937

Observations on the administration of Parts I and VIII of the Act during 1956.	Routine inspections carried out. No special action found to be necessary.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No. of registered premises at end of year on which rag flock or other filling materials were used in manufacture of bedding, toys, etc. - 1.

No. of licensed premises at end of year on which rag flock was -	
(a) manufactured, or manufactured and stored.	Nil.
(b) stored only.	Nil.
No. of inspections during year.	4.
Samples taken during year.	None.

What are the chief sanitary requirements of the district?

Extension of sewers to outlying parts of the district.

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4. HOUSING

(a) Statistics.

	Houses.	Flats.
Number of new houses erected during the year:-		
(i) By the local authority.	18	-
(ii) By other local authorities.	-	-
(iii) By other bodies or persons.	4	-

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1)(a) Total no. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	242.
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose.	510.
(2) Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:	
(a) No. found during year.	109.
(b) Total No. (or estimated no.) existing at end of year.	100.
(3) No. of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	59.

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2. Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954):-

(1) No. of dwelling-houses demolished during year:-	
(a) Unfit houses.	-
(b) Other houses.	-
(2) No. of persons displaced.	-

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3. Houses not included in Clearance Areas:-

(1) Houses demolished or closed during year:-	Houses.	No. of Persons Displaced.
(a) Housing Act, 1936 -		
(i) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 11)	7	1
(ii) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force.	1	2
(iii) Parts of building closed (Section 12)	-	-
(b) Housing Act, 1949 -		
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 3(1) and 3(2)	-	-
(c) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 -		
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 10(1) and 11(2)	-	-

(2) Repairs during the year:-

(a) Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of <u>informal action</u> by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts.	23.
(b) Public Health Acts - action after service of <u>formal notice</u> - Houses in which defects were remedied -	
(i) By owners	9.
(ii) By local authority in default of owners.	-.

(c) Housing Act, 1936 - action after service of formal notice (Sections 9, 10, 11 and 16)
Houses made fit -
(i) By owners. -
(ii) By local authority in default of owners -
(d) Housing Repair and Rents Act, 1954:-
Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked (Section 5) -

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4. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954):-

(1) No. of houses at end of year retained for temporary accommodation and approved for grant under Section 7. -
(2) No. of separate dwellings contained in (1) above. -
(3) No. of houses at end of year licensed for temporary occupation (Section 6). -

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5. Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants, etc:-

Action during year:	Private bodies or individuals.		Local Authority.	
	No. of schemes.	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.	No. of schemes.	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority.	38	39		
(b) Approved by local authority.	38	39		
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry.	-	-	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry.	-	-	-	-
(e) Work completed	38	39	-	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above.	-	-	-	-

(g) Any other action taken under the Act (give brief particulars). None.

(b) Housing Conditions

1. General observations as to housing conditions, including the standard of houses, the prevalent types, age and approximate numbers and general soundness of the several types - any information as to prevailing forms of defects and of prevailing bad conditions resulting from overcrowding:-

Considerable number of sub-standard houses up to and over 100 years old, of stone construction and of back-to-back type, also a number lacking through access or ventilation. Inherent defect chiefly dampness.

Approximate number of (a) back-to-back houses - 600
(b) back-to-earth houses - 62
(c) other houses without through ventilation - Exact number not known.

2. Movable dwellings and camping sites (other than H.M. Forces) -

(a) No. of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1956. Nil.

(b) No. of licences issued by local authority under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of -

(i) Sites. Nil.

(ii) Individual movable dwellings. Nil.

(c) Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1956. Nil.

(d) No. of caravans permanently occupied. Nil.

(e) Any action under Part IV of Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951. None.

(f) Any other special action taken by local authority with regard to tents, vans, sheds, etc. None.

3. Common Lodging-houses.

No. of register. Nil.
What is their condition. -

4. Underground Sleeping Rooms.

No. Nil.
Any need for regulations? -

5. Canal Boats.

Number inspected. Nil.
Number of infringements of Acts. -

6. Sufficiency of supply of houses.

(a) Give some indication of extent of shortage, stating approximate number and type of houses required.

Approx. 110 houses of two and three bedroom types required to rehouse tenants of sub-standard houses to be dealt with under Slum Clearance proposals within five years.

(b) Particulars of any local authority housing scheme -

(i) in hand at end of year. None.
(ii) contemplated. None.

(c) Information as to any important changes in population during the period under review or anticipated in the future. None.

(d) Any special difficulties in the way of providing suitable sites for new houses. No.

7. Overcrowding.

General observations on overcrowding conditions and any progress made during the year in relief thereof:

No marked overcrowding in the district. Approx. one-eighth of the applications on the Council's Housing list are overcrowded to some extent.

8. Fitness of houses.

(a) Difficulties found in action under the Public Health Acts or under the Housing Acts.

Reluctance of owners to carry out other than urgent or essential repairs, due to high costs.

(b) No. of houses which have not an adequate water supply. 160.

(c) No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation. 617.

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5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supply - action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 -

No. of distributors registered by the local authority and operating from:-

(a) Dairies in the district.	11.
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies.	41.
(c) Premises outside the district.	4.

The Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949-54.

No. of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the local authority during 1956 in respect of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk. 14.

The Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-53.

No. of licences issued in respect of "Heat treated" milk.

Pasteurising plants.		-
Sterilising plants		-
Retail distributors -	(a) "Pasteurised"	19
	(b) "Sterilised"	57

Any refusal or revocation of licences for designated milk, with reason for the refusal or revocation. None.

Give brief particulars of any structural alterations or improvements carried out to dairies during the year. None.

Action taken by local authority in relation to samples taken in the district. None.

Result of Ministry investigations by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food within the district during the year arising from notifications of tuberculous milk made by any local authority -

No. of herds examined by veterinary inspectors.	Nil.
No. of cases where animals seized under Tuberculosis Order, 1938.	Nil.
No. of animals seized.	Nil.
No. of cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior to investigation.	Nil.
No. of cases reported negative, no animals seized.	Nil.

Action taken under Regulation 19 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949. None necessary.

Action taken under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949. None necessary.

Action taken under Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925. None necessary.

2. Meat and other foods (excluding adulteration) -

(i) Action taken with regard to meat and other foods, including inspection of meat, slaughterhouses, shops, stalls and vehicles, and places where food is prepared, with particular reference to restaurant and hotel kitchens and food factories.

Meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, shops etc., regularly inspected by qualified inspector.

Number of legal proceedings and result. Nil.

(ii)	Is a public abattoir in use in the district?	No.
(iii)	Total No. of private slaughterhouses licensed by local authority at end of year.	Two.
(iv)	No. of private slaughterhouses licensed by local authority at end of year for slaughter of horses.	Nil.

(v) Action taken with regard to -

Ante-mortem inspection of animals. None.

Post-mortem inspection of animals. All animals inspected after slaughter by qualified Meat Inspector.

(vi) Carcases inspected and condemned within the district:-

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed (if known)	273	356	237	2906	363	-
Number inspected.	273	356	237	2906	363	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci -						
Whole carcases condemned.	1	-	1	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	5	9	1	111	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	1.83	2.52	.42	3.81	1.37	-
Tuberculosis only -						
Whole carcases condemned.	-	3	-	1	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	18	83	-	-	19	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	6.59	23.31	-	-	5.23	-
Cysticercosis -						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

(vii) Examinations of food stocks or consignments during year -

Type of Food.	Total quantity of stock or consignment examined.	Quantity condemned.
Canned Meats.	47 Tins.	53 lbs.
Shoulder Ham.	1 "	16 "
Stewed Steak.	17 "	8½ "
Kidney.	151 lbs.	151 "
Ox Tongue.	14 Tins.	84 "
Salmon.	2 "	1½ "
Vegetables.	7 "	5 "
Fruit.	11 "	9 "
Evaporated Milk.	1 "	¼ Pint.

(viii) By what method(s) was disposal of unsound food effected?

(a) Carcase meat. Destruction by burning.
(b) Other foods. Destruction by burning or buried on the Council's Refuse Tip.

(ix) No. of food premises, by type of business, in district at end of year:-

Type of business.	No.
General grocers and provision dealers.	56
Greengrocers and fruiterers (incl. those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	8
Fishmongers (incl. those selling poultry, game, etc.)	2
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	16
Bakers and/or confectioners.	16
Fried fish shops.	16
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	9
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments.	34
Others.	27.

(x) No. of food premises, by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, the Lancashire County Council Acts or other local Acts -

Type of business.	Legislation under which registration effected.	No. registered at 31.12.56.	No. of inspections of registered premises during year.
Ice Cream Premises.	Food & Drugs Act, 1955.	41	44

(xi) Action taken under the Lancashire County Council Acts or other legislation relating to registration of food premises.

Registration of all premises used for the preparation, manufacture, sale or storage of Ice-cream or preserved foods, and of Hawkers and their premises.

(xii) Action taken under the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-52.

No premises registered for the manufacture of Ice-cream.

3. Adulteration, etc. - If the local authority is a Food and Drugs Authority, state action taken in respect of -

(i) Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Sampling during the year:- Under the direction of the County Council.

(ii) Other Food Acts or Regulations. -.

Name of laboratory at which analyses are carried out. -.

4. Clean Food Campaigns - Any action taken by the Council during the year. - No organised campaign.

Have bye-laws for the handling, etc., of food been adopted? If so, give brief particulars of any action taken under these during the year. - Yes. Routine inspections and verbal intimation given regarding contraventions.

5. Action taken under Food and Drugs Act, 1955, or Regulations made thereunder -

All occupiers provided with printed leaflets explaining the Regulations, followed by personal interviews and advice regarding compliance. During the year satisfactory progress has been made with the provision of additional equipment etc., and with the repair, decoration and cleanliness of premises.

6. Food Poisoning.

(i) Total notifications (corrected) during year as returned on quarterly Forms 118D and 118E.	Nil.
(ii) Total number of additional(i.e. un-notified) cases ascertained as a result of investigations into notified cases.	Nil.
(iii) Total number of outbreaks (an outbreak being regarded as the whole of the cases, being more than one in number, either probably or certainly derived from a single contaminating or infecting source).	Nil.
(iv) Detail here, separately, particulars of each outbreak included in (iii)	Nil.

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6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Review the prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases during the year 1956, and give any noteworthy facts as to the source or spread of infection (non-notifiable acute infectious diseases should also be reported upon so far as available information enables this to be done).

Notifiable Infectious Diseases have been few in number throughout the year. These were chiefly Whooping Cough during the months of August and September. Of the non-notifiable diseases, some cases of German Measles occurred during the months March to August, Mumps from May to August and Chicken-pox during May.

State whether the following diseases were compulsorily notifiable in your district during 1956 by order of the District Council, and, if so, state for what period (see Table on page 24):-

Diarrhoea (under 2 years).	No.
Chicken-pox.	No.
Any others.	No.
Observations.	-

Disinfection after infectious diseases:-

No. of houses disinfected during 1956.	3.
Method (state disinfectant used).	Spraying with Formaldehyde.
Apparatus used for disinfecting clothing, bedding, etc. (steam or otherwise).	Hand Spray.
Where is apparatus situated?	Council Offices, Littleborough.
Was any action found necessary under the Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations, 1952?	No.
If so, give brief particulars.	-

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1956.
(after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital).

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	Total Cases Notified.										Total Deaths.
	Total cases at all ages.	Age Periods - Years									
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 and Over.	Age Un-known.	
Scarlet fever.	2					1		1				
Whooping cough.	15	1		2	2	4	5		1			
Acute poliomyelitis - Paralytic	1		1									
Non-paralytic.												
Measles (excluding rubella)	2	1	1									
Diphtheria.												
Dysentery.												
Meningococcal infection.												
Ophthalmia neonatorum.												

		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over	Age unknown.	
Acute pneumonia (prim. and infl'zal).	1	1						
Smallpox								
Acute encephalitis - Infective.								
Post-infectious.								
Enteric or typhoid fever.								
Paratyphoid fevers.								
Erysipelas.	1				1			
Food poisoning.								
Tuberculosis - Respiratory.	2				2			
Meninges and C.N.S.								
Other.								
Puerperal pyrexia.								
Other notifiable diseases (specify).								
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Public Health Act, 1936

Has any action been taken under section 172, Public Health Act, 1936? No.

If so, No. of applications for Orders for compulsory removal to hospital. -.
No. of cases in which Orders were granted. -.
Observations. -.

Signed,

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13th March, 1957.